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TAGS: SHUM, AR, PR
SUBJECT: MENDEZ FLEITAS DETENTION

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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1. MENDEZ FLEITAS VISITED EMBASSY ON NOVEMBER 15. AT HIS REQUEST HE TAPED A DETAILED REPORT OF HIS RECENT DETENTION WHICH IS BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT. HE OFFERED LITTLE NEW INFORMATION REGARDING THE DETAILS OR REASONS FOR HIS RECENT DETENTION. HE EMPHASIZED THAT HE WAS TREATED WELL THROUGHOUT.

2. EMBASSY COMMENT: MENDEZ' SPECIAL TREATMENT AND TRANSFER TO CHACO ON COMMERCIAL FLIGHT ARE INCONSISTENT WITH REGULAR GOA PROCEDURES IN SUBVERSION CASES AND ARE JUST ANOTHER INDICATOR THAT THE MENDEZ DETENTION WAS A POLITICAL OPERATION. HOWEVER, MENDEZ' INFORMATION STILL LEAVES US IN DOUBT WHETHER THIS WAS SOLELY AN ARGENTINE INITIATIVE OR ONE INITIATED AT THE REQUEST OF THE PARAGUAYANS.
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